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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the contact sensor 13 thus constructed is vertically moved in accordance with irregularities or undulations of the polishing surface 12a, the contact sensor 13 has a sliding contact surface between a fixed member and a movable member thereof. In the present embodiment, the sliding contact surface is covered with resin having chemical resistance. Therefore, the sensor 13 can be prevented from being contaminated by materials from external sources, and simultaneously contaminating external parts or surrounding atmosphere.



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Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$18.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

Additional Claims Fee Transmittal Letter

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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Total Claims exceeding 20 (not already paid for): 1 x	(\$ 9 = \$)	or	(\$18 = \$18.00)
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were none): +	(\$140 = \$)	or	(\$280 = \$)
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[]	Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37
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